

# Karnal Bunt: Export and Import Requirements

PHYTOSANITARY ISSUES MANAGEMENT

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# Strategic Priority

**Resolving trade barrier issues  
related to sanitary and  
phytosanitary (SPS) issues**

# Mexico



During the 1980's, Karnal bunt (KB) was found to be wide-spread in Yaqui and Mayo Valleys in Sonora, Mexico, and the U.S. placed restrictions on Mexico wheat imports.



Following the detection of KB in the U.S., Mexico imposed import restrictions on U.S. wheat exports.

U.S. wheat from regulated areas is prohibited entry into Mexico.

# Import Requirements Mexico



From all other States except AZ, CA, NM, and TX counties of El Paso, Hudspeth, Culberson, Jeff Davis, Presidio, and Tarrant:

“Phytosanitary certificate (PC) is required.  
Must be free from *Tilletia* (karnal bunt).”

# Additional Declaration



“The wheat in this shipment has been found free of KB and originates from areas that have been officially sampled, analyzed and found free from this disease.”

# Revised U.S. Regulation for Importation of Wheat

- Proposed Import Rule – published  
March 3, 2004, Docket No. 02-057-  
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- Comment Period –  
closed May 3, 2004



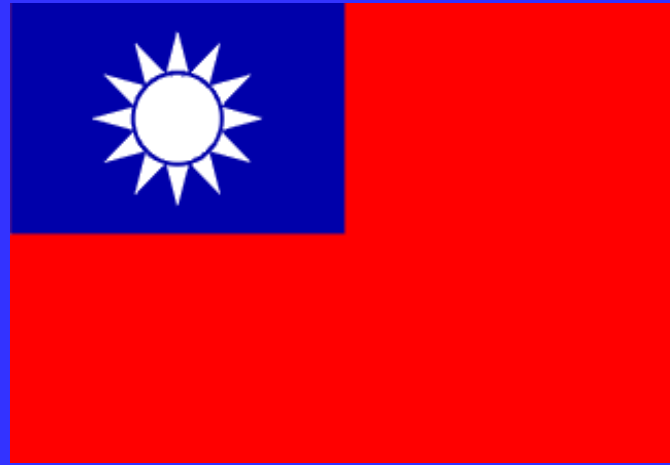
# Proposed Import Regulation

- Harmonizes import requirements with domestic requirements
- Provides guidance for the recognition of areas where KB is not known to occur that are located within infested areas
- Specifies cleaning and disinfection requirements for imported farm machinery and equipment





# Taiwan



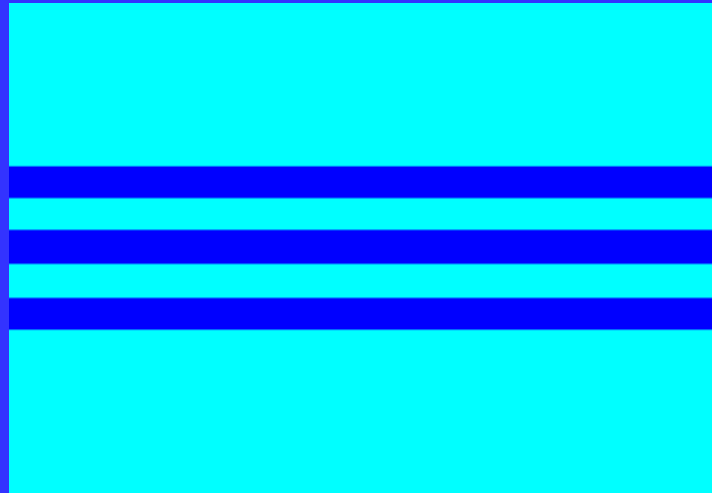
**March 2004: Removed the import requirement for an additional declaration that U.S. wheat must originate from an area where KB is not known to occur.**

# South Korea



**April 2004: South Korea informed APHIS that the requirement for an AD would remain unchanged.**

# Vietnam



August, 2004: Phytosanitary certificate and import permit are required for U.S. wheat. KB remains on their harmful organisms list, but no AD is required.

# Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru and Venezuela



**Market estimate: 4.6 million  
tons  
(approx. \$590 million)**

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Additional declaration required:

“The wheat in this shipment originated in areas of the United States where *Tilletia indica* (Karnal bunt) is not known to occur.”



# Next Steps:



- Karnal Bunt Seminar
- Funded by the Technical Issues Resolution Fund (TIRF) from FAS

# Objectives:

Provide technical justifications that enable Andean countries to remove import restrictions:

- Biology and etiology of karnal bunt
- Low pest risk associated with the importation of wheat grain for consumption



# Objectives (cont.)

- Review the status of KB in the U.S.
- Discuss our domestic regulations and the proposed import regulation

